

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN) Minutes
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Members Present:

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What's New in Your World:

Kay Antunez, Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection/Project Learning Tree- PLT was displayed at many workshops and exhibits, including a collaborative effort in May with the CA Integrated Waste Management Board. Preparing an RFP for a Natural and Human Communities Compendium update. In April, the PLT Coordinators' conference will take place in California; this four day event to be held in Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite.

Carolyn Tucker, Dept. of Water Resources/Office of Water Education- DWR'S Water Education Committee met February 5th and 6th in El Centro, sponsored by the Imperial Irrigation District. The IID staff put together a comprehensive tour of their service area -- on farm irrigation practices, the New River Wetlands Project, the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, a "salad" processing/ packing plant operation & asparagus sorting & packing -- the whole process from field to finished product. The meeting speakers included the Superintendent of Elementary Schools presenting their Inquiry-based Science Program, Judy Wheatley, CA Project WET Coordinator, introduced the new Conserve Water curriculum for middle and high school grades, Ivan Golakoff demonstrated San Diego County Water Authority's science kits for grades K-2 all tied to the new Science Standards, and Dr. Darlene Stoner discussed the Water Resource Institute Teacher Education Program at Cal State San Bernardino.

Joanne Vorhies, Integrated Waste Management Board- Tricia Broddrick unable to attend. Just gearing up for Earth Day.

Phaedra Bota, Dept. Boating and Waterways- Revision of products to reflect new laws effective 1/1/01. Buying fueling bibs for distribution to boaters via marine enforcement officers. Bibs are used to encircle a fuel pump nozzle or gas tank opening to prevent fuel spills. Focusing education efforts on anglers who are heavily represented in our boating accident statistics. Education via print media and boat/sport shows.

Sue Williams, California Conservation Corps/Corpsmember Development- CCC crews have been working at the Autorama educating the public about oil recycling. The CCC is training a group of corps members statewide to teach about used oil recycling in the schools. The CCC has a good curriculum, but is looking for some good materials for an advanced course on hazardous materials, how it pollutes and affects the environment. The CCC will be participating in Service Learning Projects that are going to be on Caesar Chavez Day in March and continuing through

April. The Commission on Improving Life Through Service (AmeriCorps) is sponsoring some of the events. CEEIN may want to consider participating with a booth or a number of booths statewide. For more information visit the website: www.cilts.ca.gov.

Lisa Kunz, Dept. of Toxic Substances Control- Close to hiring a new manager for Education Unit. Beginning to plan, in conjunction with CIWMB, Household Hazardous Waste and Used Oil Conference in May. Had a successful job shadow day (part of Mentor Program).

Donna Pozzi, California State Parks/Interpretation and Education Division- Revision and expansion of the Junior Ranger Program has begun. There will be a web-based element to compliment traditional park activities. Currently working with County School Coordinators to expand use of historic sites and parks, using sesquicentennial passport for competition at the 2001 California History Day (May 3-6 in Orange, CA).

Mike Kashuba, Air Resources Board/Office of Air Quality Education- Undergoing second reprint of K-2nd coloring book, as well as translating it into Spanish. KnowZone, teachers, Students & Kids website has been on-line for 6 months. Continue to make electric car presentation at schools. Currently seeking funding to print Compendium on CD. Conducted "Air Mysteries Workshops at SCATS and other regional Math Science and Technology conferences/workshops.

Susan Knadle, Office of Environ. Health Hazard Assessment- Tooling-up to do Children's Health Bill, Risk Assessment for school children. Will present two curricula (National Institute of Health's 6-8th grade curriculum and Society of Environmental Toxicology's High school curriculum) in a workshop at the Society of Toxicology in San Francisco on March 27th---resources for notebooks are welcome from all CEEIN members.

Laurie Monserrat, Office of Environ. Health Hazard Assessment – Working on redesign of the CEEIN website to comply with Governor Davis' order. Will also be participating in the Society of Toxicology, mentor a teacher program. Laurie brought a guest, Patrick La Zansky.

Deidra Bennett, The Walt Disney Company/Environmental Programs- The new Disney Adventures is now open, ask Deidra for recommendations of which parts of the park to make sure and visit. The Disney Water Education Festival will take place on May 12nd, all CEEIN members are invited to bring displays and activities. Trying to coordinate dates to have the winning Environmentality classroom also participate in the Water Education Festival.

Vanessa Arellano, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture- Have been holding 2002 Farm Bill public forums throughout the State. To find out more check out our website, www.cdffa.ca.gov, see the NFACT link.

Carri Benefield, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture/Integrated Pest Control Branch – Continuing to explore funding opportunities for K-12 Invasive Species projects. Check out our updated website, www.cdffa.ca.gov/wma, see the K-12 Weed Ed link.

NOT PRESENT but submitted Update Report:

Nita Davidson, Department of Pesticide Regulation- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for schools related to the Healthy Schools Act (AB 2260), which became effective January 1, 2001. DPR's goal is to provide IPM resources---guidebook, Website, training--- so school districts can voluntarily adopt IPM practices. Future goal: relate IPM to curriculum. (2) Renewed Contract with Aquatic Outreach Institute (AOI) to educate 120 teachers about garden, school, and household IPM. New two-part, all-day workshops begin March 3rd in Contra Costa County and March 24th in Alameda County. (3) Urban Initiative Project funded by U.S. EPA. AOI competed with other environmental education groups to educate 120 teachers about IPM and the hazards of illegal pesticides (e.g., insecticidal chalk) and improper disposal of legal pesticides.

Kris McNamara, The Walt Disney Company/Environmental Programs - Currently working on both the Jiminy Cricket's Environmental Challenge 2000-2001 in California and Florida and with CREEC's and the State's Superintendent's Environmental Education Plan WOW – Wonderful Outdoor World Rose Parade 2001 Equestrian Entry.

Patty Weaver, Department of Conservation/Division of Recycling - The Recycle Rex team is in the second week of their school assemblies. They are currently visiting LA County and then move onto Ventura and Orange County. We then move into Earth Day activities. There are many events that we are planning to attend and if you would like more information on some of the events that we will be attending contact Kathy Strickley at 322.1848. *Patty asked the group: "Does anyone have extra CEEIN brochures? We are attending about 30 different events and the brochures are a hot item for us to hand out--- especially for the teachers that attend our booth. Or, does anyone know if we could have them printed on our own, out of our own budgets?"

Information Items, Update:

Sylvia Gude will send out a revised List of CEEIN Members via email. The list of Conferences and Events is the same as last month.

Committee Updates:

Administration & Budget- No new report. The topic of procedures for new membership was revisited, as a request was made to invite Bonnie Cornwall (formerly with one of Governor's Committees) to future meetings. Discussion of new members, voting/non-voting members ensued--- the committee agreed to meet and report back at the March meeting.

Electronic Networking- No new report.

EE Advancement & Development- A reminder about the upcoming Statewide, Plan for Environmental Education sessions; 2 being held in Sacramento, for more information, www.creec.org.

Environmentality- (1) Revised the entry form for 2001/2002 participants, (2) Slogan for next year, "Environmentality begins with me." (3) Have been revising the poster, economizing wording--- taking Environmental Resource List off and creating a separate handout. Some suggestions from CEEIN members at the meeting included: duplicate website addresses on front and back of poster; just list agencies and websites on poster. Further discussion will be solicited at the March CEEIN meeting. (4) A clip board has been sent out to all participants and a NEW product, a book bag is being sent to all teachers sending in an Environmentality projects. (5) Busy planning this year's Environmentality Disneyland trip.

Outreach- (1) Time to update and reprint the CEEIN Brochure (last time they were printed through the CDF and artwork by Air Board); Donna Pozzi volunteered to work with her staff to extract updates from all CEEIN members. Some discussion did take place as to the need for a brochure--- possibly another format (one page handout, poster, bookmark) might be more useful. (2) Small School District's Conference at the end of March (29-31st) at Double Tree in Sacramento--- CEEIN Booth staffing needed. (3) The committee will meet and give an update on the Draft Resources Agency Memo.

Speaker: John Hooper of the Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Program gave an excellent presentation and provided members with several handouts, including their very own "Sharpshooter in a bottle."